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October 18, 1901

*Concerning the steamship *Patria*, sailing from Naples to New York.*

NAPLES, ITALY, September 30, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that the steamship *Patria*, of the Fabre Line, left this port yesterday for New York, carrying 620 steerage passengers and 2 cabin passengers from Naples. All steerage baggage was disinfected under my supervision, the temperature of all steerage passengers and crew was taken and those having an elevation of temperature were rejected. In addition, the emigrants were submitted to a careful medical examination. The ship lay off from the wharf, precautions were taken to prevent rats going aboard, and communication with the ship was under my control. The vessel, in addition to the usual medical supplies, carried a quantity of antipest serum. The bill of health given the ship stated that there had been at Naples since September 7, 1901, 14 cases of plague with 4 deaths.

The captain was given a sealed letter addressed to the quarantine officer, port of New York, and signed by me as follows:

"In regard to the steamship *Patria*, leaving this port to-day for New York, I have to inform you that while at Naples, the vessel lay off from the wharf; that communication with the shore was under my supervision; that the cargo was subjected to careful scrutiny, and that all the crew and steerage passengers were submitted to a medical examination. The temperature of the crew and steerage passengers was taken, and all persons having a temperature above normal were detained.

"All baggage of steerage passengers was disinfected in accordance with the regulations of the Marine-Hospital Service. In short, the regulations of the Marine-Hospital Service, qualified by official amendments and additions, and by telegraphic instructions received, September 28, 1901, from the Supervising Surgeon-General, Marine-Hospital Service, were strictly complied with.

"Vaccination was omitted in compliance with paragraph 18, Article V, Addition to regulations to be observed at foreign ports and at sea, Treasury Department Circular, No. 6, dated January 16, 1900.

"The number of cases and deaths from quarantinable diseases is given in the accompanying bill of health.

"In addition, I have to inform you that the plague existing at Naples originated at the Government warehouses in the port, and that cases have appeared in several parts of Naples. Stringent sanitary measures have been taken by the authorities at Naples."

Respectfully,

J. M. EAGER,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

JAPAN.

Report from Yokohama—Cholera and plague.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, September 14, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to notify you that the following cases of quarantinable diseases have been reported in Japan since the date of the last return from this office:

Place.	Disease.	Cases.	Deaths.
Onsen district, Ihime-Ken.....	Cholera	1	0
Taihoku-Ken, Formosa.....	Plague	5	4